

He was outstanding, but he always defied convention and challenged authority, and so he was always on the outskirts of proper society, but he deserves recognition.

I will always admire him for giving up the Oscar to recognize the shameful treatment that we have given Native Americans. I suspect that God broke the mold when Marlon Brando passed. We need more Marlon Brandos in our society. He was a man who had the courage of his convictions, and for that alone he deserves recognition in this body.

SERENITY IN WASHINGTON

(Mr. BURGESS asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. BURGESS. Mr. Speaker, this morning I just want to draw a sharp criticism against Members of this House who have sent a letter to Kofi Annan of the United Nations asking for United Nations monitors at our elections in November.

Mr. Speaker, I will have to admit there are people in my district, a great many constituents in my district who do not understand what goes on in Washington. We have a candidate for the highest office in the land who talks about some vague references to foreign leaders who would prefer him. We have a judiciary that seems to have its eye on the international courts. And now we have Members of this body asking for U.N. observers at our elections. We have got borders that are so porous as to be a joke.

The people in my district rightly ask, "Does serenity mean anything in Washington?"

IN THE EYE OF THE BEHOLDER

(Mr. McDERMOTT asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. McDERMOTT. Mr. Speaker, the last speaker wonders why the rest of the world does not want any more of George Bush. If he would travel outside of his district, he would find out they say it everywhere you go.

I was just in India. This administration's economic policy can best be summed up in the word, "Oops." They like to swagger about how tax cuts for the rich have propelled the U.S. economy to staggering new heights. Staggering is the right word to describe the U.S. economy and what this administration has done to it.

Job creation is nowhere near, not even close to what America needs just to make up for the jobs lost during this administration. The administration can pretend all it wants, but people know that long-term unemployment is the highest in 20 years, few new jobs have been created, the few that have been pay less than the ones they replaced. Health care is crushing family

budgets and forcing too many Americans to choose between medicine and food.

Americans know a staggering economy is the mark of an administration that has overstayed its welcome and does not deserve a second chance.

November 2 is exactly 118 days away. Please, Mr. Speaker, let the President know so he can prepare to move out.

LET FREEDOM REIGN

(Mr. GINGREY asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. GINGREY. Mr. Speaker, last week was an important one for the United States and the world when Iraq once again became a sovereign nation. I found the transition of power to the Iraqi people to be very appropriate, timely and encouraging.

I believe it was very telling when President Bush in his own hand wrote, "Let freedom reign," just moments after receiving the notice of the transfer of power to the new Iraqi Government.

As American citizens, we should be proud that the United States has aided the Iraqi people in their effort to live free of Saddam Hussein's terror. Through democracy, Iraq and the world can achieve peace and prosperity.

When the Iraqi embassy raised their flag in Washington, D.C., for the first time in recent memory, it was a symbolic gesture for all of those in the free world to say, "Let freedom reign."

STOP BRUTALITY IN SUDAN

(Ms. JACKSON-LEE of Texas asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Ms. JACKSON-LEE of Texas. First, Mr. Speaker, I was going to speak about the outrage of the faulty intelligence analysis given to the American people and to this Congress about weapons of mass destruction in Iraq. But I think it is appropriate, to save lives, to condemn the nation of Sudan, recognizing the pillaging, ravaging and brutality of women and children and families; the burning of African villages; the ethnic cleansing; the genocide that is going on in Sudan; the complete murder and collapse of government; the fact that women are terrorized every day, men are killed, and people cannot live in a decent way of life.

It is time for the government in Khartoum to be condemned. It is time to recognize that the United Nations has to stop this terrible ethnic cleansing and genocide, for we will be reminded of Rwanda where a million died. They are dying daily by the thousands in Sudan. It is time now for us in this Congress to join together with people of good will around the world to stop the murder and condemn it and demand of Khartoum, the Government

of Sudan, to be able to stand up against Janjaweed and the Muslim killers that are killing African Muslims.

It is a disgrace. It is an outrage. We must stand together against this brutality.

KEEP THE U.N. OUT OF AMERICAN ELECTIONS

(Mr. SMITH of Michigan asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. SMITH of Michigan. Mr. Speaker, I was going to make some comments about overspending and overpromising and the imposition that puts on our kids and grandkids. But just following up on the U.N., I am very concerned about the U.N. and how much that the U.N., as a tool, can accommodate some of our goals in the United States; and I am particularly concerned when some Members have suggested that the U.N. should come in and monitor our presidential elections.

What comes to mind is the fiasco of the Oil for Food program. The U.N. bureaucrats in Iraq did not file reports and bring irregularities to the attention of the Security Council countries that had a particular vested interest, allowing corruption to take place in the Oil for Food program.

I am very concerned, the people of the United States should be concerned, how it works, and the fact that a lot of the individual ambassadors in the United Nations are looking out for nothing except what is in the best interest of their particular country, not what is good for the humanitarian, economic or security efforts of the whole world.

FREE AMERICAN LIBRARIES

(Mrs. MALONEY asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Mrs. MALONEY. Mr. Speaker, today I will be supporting the Sanders Freedom to Read amendment which would curb the FBI's unlimited power to examine library records without providing evidence that one is under reasonable suspicion of terrorism.

The free library is a great American institution. But under the PATRIOT Act, your local library is no longer free. It can cost you your civil liberties, and in America that makes it very expensive.

We should not have to think twice about how our intellectual curiosity might be analyzed by a Federal investigation. This is a chilling thought in the land of the free. We must protect our country against terrorism. Reinstituting laws allowing the FBI to conduct searches on library and bookstore records with search warrants and criminal subpoenas would not jeopardize our national security; it would protect our constitutional right to privacy and make our Nation's libraries free again.